

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1 of the specification, please replace the second paragraph inserted by Preliminary Amendment filed September 24, 2004, with the following amended paragraph:

Reference is also made to commonly assigned Application No. [[\_\_\_\_\_]]  
10/509,060 (Attorney Docket No. ~~022702-104~~ 0070681-000014), which is the U.S.  
national stage of International Appln. No. PCT/FR03/00888, filed March 20, 2003,  
and which is concurrently filed herewith.